

6. The Rowntree Trust is a charitable organisation based in England. However, it has done a lot of work in Northern Ireland since the 1970s. I officially became involved in the organisation in 2001. I recall that someone stepped down and I was approached. They are an exceptional group of people to be involved with and it is an honour to be a part of the organisation.

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7. It was a legal requirement for the ICPC to oversee complaints that were made against the RUC. Not all cases were supervised by the ICPC. The RUC would usually make a provisional recommendation as to whether it considered a case should be supervised. However, any recommendation not to supervise had to be approved and authorised by the ICPC. The ICPC member undertaking this role had to consider if supervision was in the public interest. Even if a complaints investigation was not supervised, the complaint would still be returned to the ICPC following the conclusion of the investigation, as the ICPC would then have to consider and approve any recommendations made, in terms of disciplinary action against any police officers who were the subject of the complaint.
8. There was a legal requirement for the ICPC to answer to the incumbent Secretary of State via the Chairman of the ICPC. Paul Donnelly was the Chairman when I joined and he remained in post until the establishment of the Police Ombudsman.
9. At the time of my appointment to the ICPC there were approximately 6/7 committee members, the Chairman and several staff members. The role of a member was to supervise the interviews, consider the files and make an overall assessment of the complaints investigation. I would also consider files where the police had recommended disciplinary action to determine whether I agreed with their conclusion.
10. I dealt with a variety of complaints made by complainants from all walks of life. However, over time, it seemed that I was being handed an increasing number of high profile complaints to supervise. When a case came in from the police it went straight to Greg